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TOBACCO MONITOR PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the places where tobacco monitor projects have been launched so far;
- (b) the extent to which the schemes have been able to achieve its objective ; and
- (c) the details of funds provided by Government under the said scheme during the last three years and the current year, State-wise ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (c) Government of India has launched the pilot phase of the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) in 18 Districts of 9 States during the year 2007-08. The programme broadly includes.

1. Capacity building of the State in the effective implementation of the Tobacco Control Act, 2003. It is proposed to set up State Tobacco Control Cells and District Level Monitoring Cells.
2. Train health workers, school teachers, etc. on ill effects of Tobacco;
3. Engage NGOs, to carry out school programme in the Government Schools.
4. Mass media/ IEC campaign, tailored to regional needs.
5. Capacity building laboratories for tobacco product testing.

An evaluation of the programme shall be undertaken in due course during Mid term appraisal of 11th Five Year Plan to assess its impact.

Rs. 1.55 crore has been released to the State/ Districts for carrying forward the Programme during the financial year 2007-08. The details are at Annexure.